

## House Resolution No. 3605

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Mettie Penzel, a treasured resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on May 18, 2007, with a festive celebration and Open House to be held at Chateau Girardeau; and

**Whereas**, Mettie Penzel came into this world on May 18, 1907, as one of thirteen children born to proud and loving parents Marion and Minne Mae Killian, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, in April of 1931, Mettie embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Carl L. Penzel, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she started Pinecrest Azalea Garden on fifty-two acres near Oran; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Jackson who bowled on several leagues for many years and established the Jackson Mens Garden Club, Mettie Penzel enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a homemaker and bookkeeper for Penzel Construction; and

**Whereas**, the first woman to run for City Alderman in Jackson, Mettie Penzel has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two twins, Carl Gene and Carol Jane; and her four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Mettie Penzel faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at Chateau Girardeau where she now resides:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Mettie Penzel as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Mettie Penzel.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

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Representative Nathan D. Cooper  
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3605, adopted May 11, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker